

war. Now, he leaves his chairmanship knowing that our Armed Forces in Iraq have been making new progress there, thanks to a new strategy put in place under his watch.

As has been his practice since he left Annapolis 40 years ago, General Pace has always kept the best interests of our men and women in uniform in the forefront of discussions. General Pace is known for his thoughtful manner, his sense of humor, and above all his consummate integrity. One Pace trademark we have all come to value is his constant reference to "PFC Pace" in all military-related discussion, his attempt to ensure that the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, the Homeland Defense Council, and the Congress consider the impact of their decisions on the most junior members of our military. General Pace's leadership has made a significant contribution to improving the security of the United States as we wage this war to protect our Nation and our liberty.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Pace has had a valued partner in helping to improve the quality of life for the family members who sustain our all-recruited force. His wife Lynne has diligently worked with her husband to assist military families in quite literally every clime and place. Throughout her husband's career, at each duty station, she focused on working to improve their quality of life, both as a key volunteer, where she provided advice on family readiness and financial assistance issues, and as a LINKS volunteer—Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills—where she was a mentor to other military spouses and helped them adapt to the unique challenges of military life. In addition to serving on the boards of CARE, which works to eradicate world poverty through education, health, and economic programs, and the Armed Services YMCA, Lynne has worked with the USO, Americans with Disabilities, and numerous other volunteer groups. She also helped to develop a curriculum for spouses that became an integral part of the Commanders Course.

The Paces' proudest accomplishment undoubtedly is their two children, Peter, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and Tiffany Marie, who is an accountant. This is truly a family that embodies the greatness of our blessed land.

General Pace will indeed be remembered as a dedicated Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a true patriot, a courageous warrior, a distinguished general, and a dedicated leader with the highest integrity and compassion for all who had the distinct honor of serving with him.

When General Pace was appointed to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, President Bush remarked, "To the American people, the Marine is shorthand for can-do, and I'm counting on Pete Pace to bring the Marine spirit to

these new responsibilities." General Pace has always lived his life and served his country in the Marine spirit. A grateful nation extends her appreciation.

Semper Fi.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ALBUQUERQUE READS PROGRAM

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the Albuquerque Reads program and Pat Dee for the work he has done on this immensely successful program.

Albuquerque Reads has helped thousands of students in the Albuquerque area gain proficiency in reading. Reading can expand a student's imagination and open their minds to new ideas. Reading is the gateway to attaining knowledge. This very basic skill can catapult students into new levels of understanding and give them the tools they need to excel. I have always been an avid reader, which has helped me become what I am today. I never stop learning, and I hope these students never stop either.

It was a pleasure to visit with Pat Dee when I was in New Mexico a few weeks ago. The work he has done with this program has been noticed by many, including the President of the United States. Mr. Dee received a Volunteer Service Award from the President for the many hours he has dedicated to helping students learn to read. He directs over 300 volunteers who help facilitate the program and is looking to expand it with an additional 200 volunteers. Albuquerque Reads places these volunteers in underperforming schools to tutor kindergarteners. With their help, reading proficiency has increased 40 percent.

I want to say thank you to Albuquerque Reads and Pat Dee for all that you have done for students in the area. I wish you much success in the future.●

RETIREMENT OF HIRO PAUL MIZUE

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on September 29, 2007, Mr. Hiro Paul Mizue, Chief of the Civil and Public Works Branch, Honolulu Engineer District, HED, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire from U.S. Government service following 34 years of exemplary service to Hawaii, the Pacific Region, the U.S. military, and our Nation.

Over the course of these 34 years, Mr. Mizue has served with integrity and distinction. I have personally witnessed his conviction to duty and steadfast dedication to improving the lives of citizens and servicemembers.

Mr. Mizue has demonstrated the highest values and ideals over his years of distinguished service, excelling at every assignment in his career, which covers every facet of civil and military planning and design management. He has exercised exceptional leadership

and management skills on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers to achieve much lauded success.

His professional career in water resources began with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in 1968 as a hydraulic engineer. Called to duty by the U.S. Army in 1969, he was assigned to HED as a civil engineer where he worked in the Civil Works Branch at Fort Armstrong. Upon discharge in 1971, he returned to the Los Angeles Flood Control District. In 1974, he relocated to Hawaii, joining the Honolulu firm of Belt Collins and Associates as a civil engineer. He rejoined the Honolulu District in late 1975 as a hydraulic engineer, managing water resources feasibility studies.

In 1983, Mr. Mizue transferred to HED's military engineering division where he served as the Chief of the Family Housing/Hospital Division until 1995. During this period, he provided exceptional project management support culminating with \$271 million in construction of new family housing for our brave servicemembers on Hickam AFB, Wheeler AAF, Schofield Barracks, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and Fort Shafter. Also of note are Mr. Mizue's efforts in managing \$100 million in design-build contracts for a much needed expansion of the Tripler Army Medical.

Having demonstrated exemplary leadership and management skills, Mr. Mizue was promoted to Chief of Planning Division in 1995; this office later became Civil and Public Works Branch. In this capacity, Mr. Mizue provided high-quality planning services to the State of Hawaii, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa. In addition, he implemented comprehensive/holistic planning by having Corps planning studies evaluate water resources problems broadly and at a watershed level. This approach formed the basis for Federal, State, and local agencies to implement integrated water resources development projects. Mr. Mizue typified customer care by constantly striving to provide the highest quality planning services and products in a responsive manner.

In 2006, Mr. Mizue led HED's response to assist the State and counties with dam safety inspections after the Kaloko Dam failure and later following a 6.7-magnitude earthquake. HED's responses to these disasters demonstrated the exceptional working relationship with the State of Hawaii. Through his leadership, expertise, and experience, HED became recognized as the proven leader in project execution, accomplishment, and responsiveness.

During his 12 years as Chief of Civil and Public Works Branch for the Honolulu District, Mr. Mizue parlayed his extensive leadership skills to accomplish notable Branch achievements. A major civil works project built during his tenure was the Alenaio Stream Flood Control project, on the Big Island, completed in 1997 at a cost of \$16